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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56 and Title 71, relative to billing and claims procedures of certain managed care organizations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Section 71-5-191. (a) Not later than January 1, 2002, the commissioner of commerce and insurance in consultation with the commissioner of health shall develop and promulgate by rule a uniform TennCare claims process, which contains standardized instructions for completing the form and creates standardized responses to questions and other information required on the form, for providers and managed care organizations participating in the TennCare program to use in the submission of claims by providers seeking payment. The uniform process shall require that managed care organizations participating in the TennCare program shall not deviate from the uniform process established by rule pursuant to this section. In addition, such managed care organizations shall be required to develop and implement procedures to ensure that health care

providers are regularly informed and educated by the managed care organization regarding billing and claims processing procedures

Any managed care organization which fails to comply with this section shall be subject to the penalties set forth at Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-32-216 or, in the alternative, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-32-220.

Such rules shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of title 4, chapter 5.

(b) If the provisions of this section conflict with the provisions of any applicable federal waiver concerning medical assistance services delivered pursuant to Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, then the commissioner of health is directed to seek an appropriate modification or amendment to such waiver to permit the implementation of this section.

(c) The provisions of this section shall be construed so as to be consistent with the terms of any applicable federal waiver for the provision of medical assistance.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.